

**The Scene of Jesus Christ's Death On The Cross** (Mark 15:33-41)

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(Mark 15:33-41) If ever there were one scene more important than all the others in scripture it is the scene that we meet with in the scriptures tonight. Nearly one third of the four Gospels is devoted to the account of the death of Christ, the incidents leading up to it and following it. The other two thirds simply sets the stage for the scene of our occupation tonight. The scene of Christ's death on the cross. Of it, John Newton wrote: "In evil days I took delight (drawn by shame or fear, Till a new object struck my sight, And stopped my wild career. I saw One hanging on a tree, In agonies and blood, who fixed his languid eyes on me, As near his cross I stood." John R. Rice wrote "They let us sit down w/ the gaping multitude and look on while Jesus..."

I The Darkness of the Scenery (33)  
The Jews had pleaded for a sign from Jesus to prove that he was the Messiah, the son of God. When he was born God placed a new star in the sky, and when he died God momentarily put one out. This was no mere eclipses whose length is no longer than a few minutes



But for 3 long afternoon hours from High Noon to 3:00 in the afternoon man groaps in darkness. The Sun has a diameter of 864,000 mi w/ 335 Quadrillion mi<sup>2</sup> of burning surface. It weighs 2 Octillion tons, 2 Billion, Billion, Billion.

## II. The Despair of the Sayer (34).

This verse represents one of the seven sayings of the Lord Jesus on the Cross and is by far one of the most mysterious. It is a quotation of Ps 22:1 "My God My God Why..." "My God" only a few moments ago in the garden it was "Abba Father" From a term of familiarity to an address of estrangement. Barclay "Up to this point Jesus had gone through every experience of life except one - he had never known the consequences of sin. Sin separates us from God. Here in the person of the Lord Jesus, the bearer of all our sin we

## III. The Deed of the Spectator (35-36)

It seems as though the dramatic cry of Jesus was miss understood and thought to be a plea for Elijah to come and rescue him. And in a morbid curiosity and strange experimentation, a common soldiers drink (mix of sour wine, vinegar & bile) was offered to prolong his life. Elijah was regarded as a deliverer in time of trouble. Some people can't see the forest for the trees. This is why you can have learned professors

1) ...on while Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, gives His life as a ransom for sinners!" Your reaction to this scene will mean the difference between heaven and hell, eternal paradise or eternal punishment! Every person can understand the meaning of Jesus Christ's death on the cross by perceiving the seven charged descriptions of the scene surrounding Jesus death.

2) ...2 billion, billion, billion tons burning at a temperature of 25 million degrees Ferlinghetti it turns hydrogen into helium. And yet God simply reached up and put it out. "Well might the Sun in darkness hid and shut his glories in, when Christ the mighty maker died for man the creature's sin.

3) ...we see the horror of the eternal rejection of the sinner. In this moment for the first and only time in eternity, Jesus is experiencing a disconnect in fellowship with His Father! 2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

1) John 10:17-18 ...I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again....

2) ...willingly laid down his life. He ceased to breath. I've heard of many others who attempted to save another's life and lost their own. But none of those if they could expired themselves. Some out side force snatched the life from them. Why "all have sinned." But not Jesus. The only way for him to die physically was to exhale His own life! His life for mine! Glory to God!

3) Hebrews 10:20 *By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh,* Sinner you can come to God by the Lord Jesus, child of God you have open access to the king of king and Lord of Lords by the blood of Jesus Christ!



read + study the Bible for decades on he lost.  
People experiment w/ God. And turn away disappointed.

IV. The Death of the Servant (37) - Here we see Jesus the sinless servant of Jehovah die. We are told that he shouted w/ a loud voice, Matthew + Luke reflect the same but in John 19:30 we find the shout "Tetelesti" "It is finished". This was a shout of completion, a shout of reconciliation, a shout of victory. Gave up the ghost. He breathed out his life. In 10:17-18. Jesus, no matter how brutal and bloody his treatment could not be killed. "The wages of sin is death" in him was no sin. But he breathed out willing his

V. The Disturbance of the Sanctuary (38)  
If you listen to a preacher very long you will find distinctive patterns in their thinking. Certain themes will be obvious, it will appear many times in their messages. This rent veil for me is just such a theme. It stood as a reminder of the separation between a holy God and a sinful people. But hear w/ the death of the Lamb of God, a way to God has been made. A way of access to God has been opened. No more priests or rituals no more separation but an invitation. <sup>3</sup> Heb 10:

VI. The Declaration of the Soldier (39)

This was a war hardened soldier in the greatest army in the world. He was an equivalent to a regimental sergeant-major. He had fought in many a campaign and he had seen many a man die. But this man, who willingly laid out his hands for the nails, who uttered not a word of response to the scoffers near by, he was something different. This Centurion, felt the earth shake beneath his feet, he saw the darkness of the sky and replied to the scoffers, there is something different about this man. Let the Lord

### VII. The Distress of the Sympathetic (404)

These were faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus. Women who unlike most of the Apostles stayed within sight of the crucifixion of their Lord. Women that were bewildered, and heart broken yet they were there. They loved him. "Looking on" = "to view attentively and with interest and for a purpose, carefully observing details." These devoted ladies looked to the Cross in deep affection for their master. One author writes: They loved him so much that they could not

VIII. Close. Charles Spurgeon said "Stand at the foot of the cross, and count the purple drops by which you have been cleansed; See the thorn-crown, mark



- 1) ...let the darkness of eternal torment cause you to look to Jesus, let the fearful rumblings of the wrath of God upon sin bring you to the realization that this man is who he said he was, the messiah, the lamb of God sent to save men from their sin!
- 2) ...they could not leave him. Love clings to Christ even when the intellect cannot understand. It is only love which can give us a hold on Christ that even the most bewildering experiences can not break.
- 3) ...mark His scourged shoulders, still gushing with encrimsoned rills...and if you do not lie prostrate on the ground before that cross, you have never seen it." Have you seen the scene at Calvary. Do you realize what he has done for us?